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REMARKS

The drawings have been objected to as failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. The objection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons. The pole pitches and end points, as well as the double wedges, are already illustrated in the drawings. Specifically, reference is made to the half-yoke of the pole pitch (2,3), front plate (6) and double wedges (8). Adjacent half-yokes (2, 3), as well as magnets 5 disposed between the half-yokes, form a pole element. Several of the pole elements form the blades of the electrical machine, as explained in the description of the invention.

Claims 1 and 6 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. The phrase "salient magnet poles" has been removed from the claims. Therefore, the rejection is moot.

Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Specifically, the Examiner states that the structure of the double wedge needs to be defined in the specification. As described above, the double wedges (8) are disclosed in the drawings and specification. Hence, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection.

Claims 1 and 6 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The rejection is respectfully traversed. As explained in the specification and illustrated in the drawings, each half-yoke (2,3) extends across half a pole pitch and are connected to form a pole element.

Claims 1-7 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Uchida (EP 0582721) in view of various combinations of Epars (U.S. Patent No. 4,700,096), Ackerman (U.S. Patent No. 5,604,390), Burgmeier (U.S. Patent No. 4,296,544), Weh (U.S. Patent No. 4,663,551) and Amemiya (U.S. Patent No. 4,687,114). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants maintain their arguments with respect to the outstanding rejections. In this regard, the Examiner is directed to the remarks filed in the Amendment dated September 30, 2003. Generally stated, none of the references (either alone or in combination) disclose a pole mounted as required in the claimed invention.

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In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

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<u>Account No. 03-1952</u> referencing docket no. <u>449122010600</u>. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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